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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT PAKISTAN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN IN "NEAR FUTURE". NO PRECISE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE VISIT WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED IN NORWEGIAN PRESS AUGUST 15 AND CONFIRMED TO US BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. INVITATION EXTENDED BY PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR AFZAL IQBAL (RESIDENT IN STOCKHOLM) WHO ALSO ADDRESSED 1,000 PAKISTANI RESIDENTS OF NORWAY ON OCCASSION OF PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL DAY ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS. OUR SOURCES AT FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATE AN UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO SEEK NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR PAKISTANI CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON SECURITY COUNCIL. FRYDENLUND INFORMED IQBAL THAT NORWAY HAD MADE NO DECISION ON WHICH NATION NORWAY WOULD SUPPORT IN APPARENT
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THREE-WAY BATTLE (INDIA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN) FOR SC

SEAT. FRYDENLUND, WHO WILL BE FIRST NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT PAKISTAN, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE HIGH ON HIS LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS. IN 1975 NORWAY GAVE 20 MILLION KRONER TO PAKISTAN PRIMARILY FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND FAMILY PLANNING. PROJECTED INCREASES FOR NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ARE 25 MILLION KRONER 1976, 35 MILLION 1977, 40 MILLION 1978, 50 MILLION 1979 (APPROXIMATELY 5.5 NORWEGIAN KRONER EQUAL 1 DOLLAR).

3. IN INTERESTING FOOTNOTE TO AFZAL IQBAL VISIT, THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ARRIVED AND ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND BUT WAS INFORMED THAT MINISTER WAS NOT AVAILABLE. IQBAL CABLED HOME FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS TOLD TO STAY ON THE SPOT UNTIL FRYDENLUND COULD SEE HIM. WHEN IQBAL INFORMED NORWEGIANS HE WAS PREPARED TO STAY IN OSLO FOR AS LONG AS IT TOOK TO SEE FRYDENLUND, MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S SCHEDULE SUDDENLY OPENED UP.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF CURRENT US POSITION ON SC MEMBERSHIP ISSUE.
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